

FLORAL STREET SCHOOL PTO NEWS

Connecting Parents, Students, & Teachers

FALL/WINTER 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PTO PRESIDENT

Dear Floral families,

The PTO has had an amazing few months here at Floral. We've been busy and since our last update, we have successfully completed many events including, Fall Fundraiser, Spirit Wear Fundraiser, Floral Family Donations, BJ's Rewards Program, STEM & Young Rembrandts to name a few. We've raised over \$8,000. I want to thank each and every one of you for participating in our programs and helping us reach our goals for the year!

On November 19th, Floral St. School will be hosting its 10th Annual Fun Fair & Marketplace event from 10 am – 3 pm. In the past we've had more than 1500 people attend our annual fund-raising event, and this year we're hoping for the same participation and enthusiasm. I hope you all have marked your calendars and are looking forward to celebrating with us. The whole family is invited!

We are looking forward to the winter season and to next year, and the many things we have planned. Keep your eyes open for family friendly activities for instance, Claytime and Ski Ward programs coming soon.

None of these accomplishments or future plans would be possible without the work of the talented and dedicated volunteers and your support. Please know that I remain grateful for both.

At this time of Thanksgiving, on behalf of our PTO team, I wish you, your family and friends a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mitika Kathuria

PTO ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This fall, the PTO approved a \$21,000 capital investment to purchase 27 iPads, iPad cases, and four mobile charging carts. This purchase will increase students' access to iPads by creating four mobile iPad stations that are easily available for classroom use.

The PTO donated \$6000 to purchase and install the new Big Foot Wavy slide at the playground. This new slide replaced the broken slide over the summer.

PTO MEETINGS

All are welcome!

PTO meetings are (usually*) held on the second Wednesday of every month, from **6:15pm to 7:15pm** in the Floral School Cafeteria.

Childcare will be provided from 6pm onwards.

We will be serving pizza for children and parents.

Save the dates:

2016
November 9

2017
January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10

The PTO is a great way to get involved with our school. Whether you are able to help for one hour or for many hours, **all help is appreciated.** Come find out how you can help out. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

FLORAL STREET SCHOOL FAMILY FUN FAIR

GAMES AND PRIZES

The gym is waiting for you to come have fun! We will have Camp Cody sponsoring two exciting new games this year: Spike Ball and Portable Gaga Pit. The prizes you love to win will be available again this year, along with some fun new additions. You will have lots of chances to win tickets for prizes playing bowling, ring toss, & many other games. We can't wait for you to join in & have a great time!

Fresh Popcorn · Cotton Candy
Hot Dogs · Pepperoni Pizza
Cheese Pizza · S'mores Station

FOOD & DRINKS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We are pleased to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be part of the Floral Fun Fair. The book fair is a wonderful opportunity for you to buy age-appropriate books for your children at a reasonable cost, while helping to support Floral Street School. ★ Additionally, this year each class will visit the book fair during the week of November 14 and students will complete a wish list of books that have caught their eye. The wish list with book titles and prices will come home in student's communication folders during the week. If you wish to purchase books from your child's wish list, you can return the wish list along with cash or check (made out to Floral Street School PTO) in a ziplock bag or envelope by Friday, November 18. The PTO will fill these orders that day and the books will be sent home with your child. Or, of course, you can purchase books at the fair on Saturday. ★ If you have any questions about the Book Fair, feel free to contact Colleen Corbett at ccorbett39@gmail.com. Thanks for your attention and we look forward to seeing you at the fair!

RAFFLES
**SILENT
AUCTIONS**

CARICATURES



PRINCIPAL McCUBREY

November
SATURDAY 19
10AM - 3PM

**INTERESTED IN HELPING YOUR
FLORAL STREET SCHOOL PTO?**

We are always looking for parents who are able to volunteer their time! For more information, please contact Mitika Kathuria at mitikakathuria@gmail.com

FLORAL STREET SCHOOL

FAMILY FUN FAIR

November 19 10AM - 3PM 57 FLORAL ST. SHREWSBURY

SATURDAY 19 MARKETPLACE

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK AUTHOR "DONNA MAE" will be here signing copies of her much loved books, "Marshmallows Galore" & "The Woolly Adventures of Purl." Don't miss this opportunity to purchase her books for holiday giving.

HAND KNITTED ITEMS: cowls, scarves, boot toppers, fingerless gloves, hats and much more. Will take orders. Made by Mem

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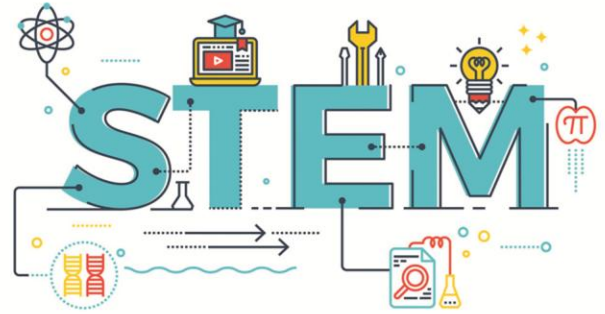
KATHY AMMANN - Graphic Design Artist specializing in canvas prints highlighting your favorite sports stars and more! Canvases start at just \$17 for 8x12 inches.

LuLaRoe Clothing ★ Jamerry Nails ★ Perfectly Posh Pampering Products ★ MLeeBoutique - Hand-knit Infinity Scarves Handcrafted Jewelry ★ Handmade Scarves ★ Henna Designs ★ Little Creek Academy ★ Magic Fingers ★ Knits & Crochet Christmas Decorations ★ Custom Designed Art Canvases ★ Mary Kay ★ Handmade Items for Home & Kids ★ & More!

STEM IS FUN FOR KIDS AT FLORAL

Through hands-on activities and STEM challenges, children will think, construct, experiment, discover, and develop the desire to learn more. The children will explore the use of different learning tools that enable and emphasize STEM learning. Every class, we will learn something new and experience a different kind of fun. Learning is best when kids are having fun! STEM is Fun!

- This program is intended for students of Floral Street School from Grades 1-4
- It is a 6 week program. Classes are conducted one hour per week for six weeks.
- Fall 2016 Session 2 Schedule: Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30pm
- Dates: Nov 29, Dec 13, 20, Jan 3, 10, and 17
- Cost: \$90/ child for 6 weeks
- 12 students/class. Registration is limited to 24 students. Two groups will be created based on grade level.



For more information, or to register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/FloralSTEM>

SKI WARD FUNDRAISER

November is here and the temperatures are dropping which can only mean one thing: It's almost time for **\$NOW!!!**

Ski Ward now has ski/snowboard lesson online registration up and running! All you need to do is select Floral Street as an affiliation and the PTO will receive 5% of lesson money back at the end of the winter season. All registration must be done online. Please visit www.skiward.com and sign up today.



THINK SNOW!

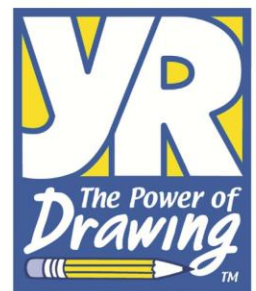


YOUNG REMBRANDTS DRAWING CLASSES - NEW SESSION!

A new session of Young Rembrandts will be starting after school at Floral Street School on Tuesday, November 29. We will be returning to a 6 week session: class dates are Nov 29, Dec. 13, 20, Jan 3, 10 and 17. Tuition is \$75 for the 6 week session.

We'll get ready for winter as we turn out a "sweet" drawing of a gingerbread house (almost good enough to eat! Then we'll ring in the new year with More Emoji's and many more seasonal favorites. With over 6 years of curriculum no two sessions or classes are ever the same. Content is based on child-friendly subjects that open the imagination and stretch the mind. Young Rembrandts strives to inspire your child's imaginative spirit and boosts classic learning skills. Online enrollment is available at <http://tinyurl.com/FloralYR2>. A flyer will be coming home with students with all the details.

Classes fill quickly - enroll today! Call Young Rembrandts directly with any questions: (508)393-8033



Young Rembrandts

FLORAL DAY AT CLAYTIME

Floral Parents, if you are looking for something fun to do with the kids on the next half day of school (Tuesday December 6), head on over to Claytime in Shrewsbury! December 6th will be Floral Day at Claytime: 20% of sales to Floral families will be donated to the PTO! Kids always love to paint pottery!

There will be many holiday-themed items to choose from, as well as many items that make great gifts. We look forward to seeing you there!



YOU CAN EARN CASH & SUPPLIES FOR FLORAL STREET SCHOOL WHILE YOU SHOP!



BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION

Send in box tops at any time during the school year! The drop bin is in the lobby of the school. For inclusion in the Box Tops contest happening later in the year, just write the name of your child's teacher on the bag or envelope.

Go to www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list of products.



AMAZONSMILE FOUNDATION

Start your shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com>. AmazonSmile will provide a default charity for you. Look below that and you will see a prompt to pick your own charity. In the box provided type "Floral Street School PTO." Everything is the same as your previous shopping experience with Amazon. From there, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com. Just bookmark the site <http://smile.amazon.com/> to be sure that .5% of your qualifying purchases will go to the Floral Street School.



PRICE CHOPPER TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

Register your Price Chopper card to earn points that Floral Street School can use to purchase equipment and supplies for the school.

Visit www.pricechopper.com/savings/sign-up to register and use School ID: 14268



STOP & SHOP A+ REWARDS

Register your Stop & Shop card to earn points that earn cash donations for Floral.

Visit www.stopandshop.com/aplus/register-card to register your card. School ID: 09483



SHAW'S GROWING LOCAL LEARNING

Shaw's has teamed up with Box Tops for Education to allow shoppers to earn cash for their school with Bonus Box Tops for qualifying purchases.

To register, visit www.growinglocallearning.com/register.

Save your Shaw's receipts to enter codes on the site above; codes are at the bottom of receipt.



Please contact Kathy Flynn at kathycflynn@gmail.com with any questions about the Floral Street School PTO Rewards Programs. Thank you!!



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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, Nov. 9	PTO Meeting	Tuesday, Dec. 6	Early Release Day / Professional Development Day
Friday, Nov. 11	No School / Veterans Day	Monday, Dec. 19	Trimester 1 Report Cards Sent Home
Friday, Nov. 18	School Meeting for Grade 3	Dec. 26 - Jan. 2	No School / December Break
Saturday, Nov. 19	Floral Fun Fair		
Nov. 23 - 25	No School / Thanksgiving Break		



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